REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed April 24, 2006. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 11, 16, 24, and 29 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Farris, et al. in view of Griffiths. Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 24, and 29 recite in general that a network location is assigned to the network user upon establishment of the communication session from a range of network location information. By contrast, neither the Farris, et al. or Griffiths patents discloses a capability to assign a network location to a user for a communication session from a range of network location information as required in the claimed invention. The portions of the Farris, et al. patent cited by the Examiner merely disclose using the pre-assigned telephone number and the office equipment number of the calling party. Thus, the Farris, et al. patent does not do any assigning of network locations as provided in the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 7, lines 19-32, and page 10, lines 12-15, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-31 are patentably distinct from the proposed Farris, et al. - Griffiths combination.
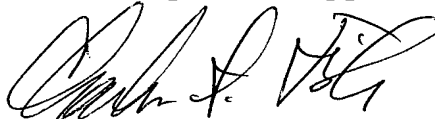
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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